

SANCTUARY WHALE TALES

MAUI'S VOLUNTEER
NEWSLETTER



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Pam Weaver - Moved to HI in 90, Maui 93. Can't remember when I started HIHWNMS. Do water quality, whale watches, school groups, craft preps.



Marie Rogers - I enjoy being a docent in the Visitor Center and going out on the Kai Kanani whale watches. I've lived in Hawaii for 30 years and in Kihei for 14 years.

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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CULTURAL CORNER

The Hawaiian Chant (Oli)

Hawaiians did not have a written language until the 1820's when missionaries taught them an alphabet to allow the language to be written. Prior to this time, historical information and traditions were passed on orally in songs, chants and poems. In the chant, or oli, the vibrations and tones in the chanter's voice are said to invoke a deep spiritual essence of the words in both the chanter and the listener. Chanting the words has a neurological effect that opens the heart to the meaning.

This is a simple and quite popular chant we can learn and enjoy.

E Ho Mai
(Usually sung three times)

E hō mai
Ka `ike mai luna mai ē
`O nā mea huna no`eau
`O nā mele ē
E hō mai, e hō mai, e hō mai ē

Give forth knowledge from above
Every little bit of wisdom
contained in song
Give forth, give forth, oh give
forth

Written by Edith Kanaka`ole

The Hawaiian Gregory



(Formerly Pacific Gregory)

This grey fish with light and dark scales is about four inches long and may not even be noticed because it is so plain. It is a Damselfish and is very common on the reef. Quite interesting is that it cultivates its own algae patch and protects its area from other herbivores (algae eating fish.) It lives, nests and feeds in this little area of about 3 or 4 feet. If you watch one for awhile you are sure to see it dart out to chase intruders away from its farm home.

The May Fish Identification Network event will be on Saturday, May 26th at 8:30 (in the water) at Maluaka reef (Makena Golf and Beach Resort). Please bring something to eat or drink for the hungry snorkelers to share. We will bring the slates and other FIN paraphernalia to pass along to the next host. Friends and family welcome!

Free Presentation: Tsunami Marine Debris Friday, June 1st. Carey Morishige and Ruth Yender from NOAA's Marine Debris Program will educate you on the facts about marine debris from the March 2011 Japan tsunami. They will discuss current efforts on data collection, assessment of the debris and possible impacts based on sound science, and how to protect our natural resources and coasts. Please join us for this informative lecture!
Place: Sanctuary Learning Center (762 S. Kihei Road)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Maui Sanctuary Office: 808-879-2818

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The Onion Fest

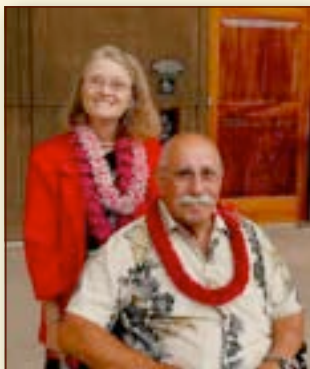
By Jeep Dunning

On Saturday, May 5, several volunteers enjoyed our outreach table at the Onion Fest at Whaler's Village. Many adults and children visited the table and enjoyed the puzzles and challenging game, "Are you Smarter Than a Fifth Grade Whale?" The day was absolutely beautiful and we were close to the band stand and enjoyed music all day long. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped, Kathy Becklin, Pat Hoskin, Deb Caswell and Kawika Miller and those in the photo (left to right) Samantha Taylor, Judy Lauridsen, Jeep Dunning, Larry Boysen and Bo Petty. We tried several of the onion dishes and the lobster with onions and the onion rings were outstanding. It really was a fun day. We made contact with an estimated 200 people, too.

Congratulations Michelle!

Our own Michelle Paularena has been recognized as an "Outstanding Senior Citizen Volunteer" by the Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging and county Area Agencies on Aging. Michelle has spent many hours with her husband, Marv, working at the Sanctuary both in the Learning Center and at various outreach activities. We are so proud of Michelle for being honored this year and Marv who was recognized last year for this award. They give of their time to other volunteer activities as well and are shining examples of wonderful role models for us all. We are happy to have them as part of our volunteer team.

Marv and Michelle went to Honolulu for the Recognition Ceremony for Older Americans Month. NOAA's Whale Sanctuary was listed in the Official Program as one of their volunteer activities. The governor wasn't there (he was on the mainland), but he said he'll come to Maui to congratulate Michelle. Allen Tom said it was fine to invite him to Maui's NOAA facility, so they invited him through the Maui County Office on Aging. We can look forward to this event.



We thought we would tell you about our trip to Honolulu where Michele, along with one man from Maui and six other senior citizens from Kauai, Oahu and the island of Hawaii, were honored for many hours of volunteer service rendered to fellow citizens. We flew to Honolulu bright and early where we were picked up by the head of the Maui Office on Aging and given a tour of the Waikiki area before heading to the State

Capitol for the beginning of the festivities. We were met by our friends Adele Ching and Laurie Paleka from SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) who sponsored and nominated Michele. They were kind enough to share some crackers and a couple of home grown apple bananas which really hit the spot.

Our next stop was in the Governor's Chambers where Michele and the others were officially greeted with a lovely lei and granted certificates commemorating their achievement by the Governor's Chief of Staff. The plan was for the Governor to do the honors but he had to rush off to the mainland on short notice. He promised to do the honors personally on each island in a month or so. The ceremony was lovely as the Chambers are paneled in beautiful koa wood and decorated with paintings of previous governors including Linda Lingle. After photos were taken by a professional photographer, we adjourned to the Capitol Rotunda and were escorted to the State Senate Chambers by a Korean Farmer's Band playing really loud and very different metal drums and dressed in brightly colored traditional costumes. A security officer decided that the "music" was too loud and asked the band to mute the drums. We felt badly for the musicians who had been invited to honor us with their music but they were gracious about it.

We entered the stately Senate Chambers and were immediately impressed by the massive room. The 25 seat Chamber is colored in ocean and sky hues and has a huge nautilus shell chandelier hanging in the center. There is a great wall tapestry that depicts cloud patterns, the ocean and a double-hulled canoe or wa'a. The honorees were each given a lovely koa wood medallion strung on an earth tone necklace. There is an image of a Hawaiian petroglyph character, the year 2012 and an inscription burned into the surface that reads, "E Loa Ke Ola," or May Life Be Long. There were short speeches by politicians from the House, the Senate and the Director of the State Office on Aging.

After the ceremonies, we adjourned to the Senate Lounge where we enjoyed some delicious pupus (hors d'oeuvres) that more than satisfied our appetites. Some of the group then took a tour of the Capitol building while others of us "talked story" about our day. Our next stop was the Honolulu Airport where we caught our flight home.

We want you to know that Michele's bio in the Official Program of the Recognition Ceremony on the floor of the Senate included our volunteer work at NOAA's HIHWNMS in Kihei.

Aloha,
Marv and Michele

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JUNE 2012

*South Maui Events in **Brown** * West Maui Events in **Blue** *

South Maui

*Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
726 South Kihei Road,
Kihei, HI 96753 (808) 879-2818*

West Maui

*Whaler Village Shopping Center - Whalers Museum
2435 Ka'anapali Parkway
Lahaina, HI 96761 (808) 661-4567*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 <u>Tsunami Debris</u> <u>6:00 pm</u> <u>45 Ton Whale</u> <u>Talk 11:00 am</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	2 <u>45 Ton Whale</u> <u>Talk</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	3
4	5 <u>45 Ton Talk</u> <u>11:00 am</u>	6	7 <u>45 Ton Talk</u> <u>11:00 am</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	8 <u>45 Ton Whale</u> <u>Talk</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	9 <u>45 Ton Whale</u> <u>Talk</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	10
11	12 <u>45 Ton Talk</u> <u>11:00 am</u>	13	14 <u>45 Ton Talk</u> <u>11:00 am</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	15 <u>45 Ton Whale</u> <u>Talk</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	16 <u>45 Ton Whale</u> <u>Talk</u> <u>11am & 2 pm</u>	17
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